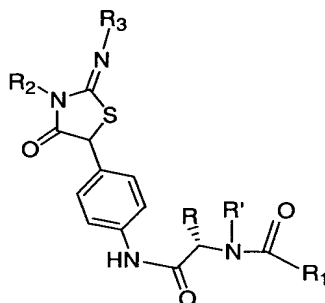


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds having the structure of formula I are described

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wherein R, R', R₁, R₂, and R₃ are as defined in the specification. The
10 compounds can inhibit hepatitis C virus (HCV) replication, and in particular the
function of the HCV NS5A protein.